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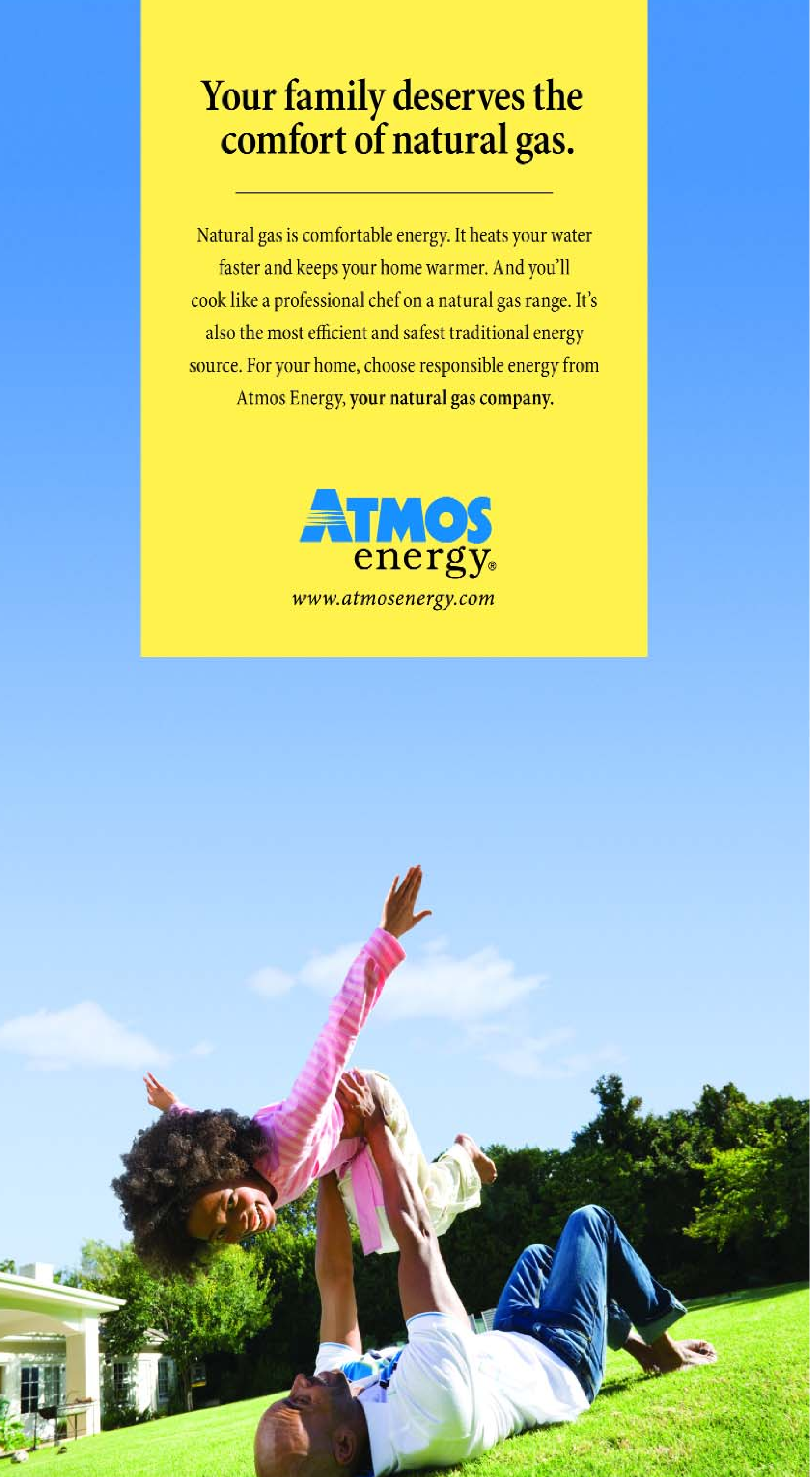

editor's note

Sometimes the simplest things make the biggest difference. A new rug, a sleek modern chair, shimmering throw pillows — there are a million ways to give your home a new look without breaking your budget.

Find out what inspiring furnishings are available for your home on Page 14. Weather it's a Hollywood Regency style Tony Duquette reproduction console table or an Arts & Crafts style Thos. Moser sofa, take comfort in transforming your home into a stylish, relaxing haven.

Flooring is another way to completely change the look and feel of any room in the house. Tile flooring offers the most amazing options with porcelain that looks like stone, recycled leather, metal accents and eclectic patterns featuring every size and every shape imaginable. On Page 18 you'll see the latest tile trends that will give your floors the look of luxury.

Finally on Page 25, organization expert Tonia Tomlin shares tips for making your home office work for you. An organized workspace means more productivity and less frustration. Discover how to efficiently plan your layout, find furniture that functions best for your needs and cut the clutter once and for all.

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By **MARIE WILLIAMS**

LEFT: *Holly Johnson Gallery presents Archiving Eden II, an exhibition of new work by Dornith Doherty. The exhibition goes through November 14.*

The Great Pumpkin Festival runs through Nov. 1 as part of the Autumn in the Arboretum series. From a pumpkin patch filled with thousands of pumpkins, to a 15-foot Pumpkin House for family photos and a corral hay bale maze for the kids, there is fun for the entire family. Also, Oct. 10 and 11, get started on your holiday shopping during the **Southern Artisans Market**, featuring more than 50 artisans. The Dallas Arboretum is located at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas. Information: 214.515.6500 or www.dallasarboretum.org

Be a part of the American Cancer Society's **2009 Breast Cancer Forum: Painting the Town Pink With Hope** on Oct. 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. held at Will Rogers Memorial Center (3401 W. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth) in conjunction with the Round Up Inn. This event will bring together breast cancer survivors, those currently going through treatment and caregivers. Representatives from the American Cancer Society will answer questions and showcase products and services beneficial to all. Information: 800.227.2345 or www.cancer.org

Nothing warms you up quickly like a steaming bowl of homemade soup or stew. Instructor Natasha Berlin will demonstrate how to prepare delicious and flavorful meals during her **Soups and Stews for Fall** cooking class Sunday, Oct. 11 at 2 p.m at Sur La Table, 4527 Travis Street, Dallas. The cost is $69. Information: 214.219.4477 or www.surlatable.com

Oct. 15 through Oct. 18, see more than 20 artists portray the wonders of nature in a four-day outdoor painting competition — **The Camp Fire USA Plein Air Paint Out** — from 8 a.m. to dusk at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. Admission is free. Then, Oct. 24 to 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., enjoy traditional Japanese dance, music, martial arts demonstrations, papermaking, Bonsai, Ikebana and tea ceremonies at the **Fall Festival in the Japanese Garden**. Admission is $4 for adults, $2 for children ages 4 to 12 and children under the age of 4 get in free. Information: 817.871.7686 or www.fwbg.org

Norwood Flynn Gallery, 3318 Shorecrest, Dallas, presents **Home Grown: Recent Paintings by Charlotte Seifert** from Oct. 17 to Nov. 1. Admission is free. Information: 214.351.3318 or www.norwoodflynngallery.com

Holly Johnson Gallery, 1411 Dragon Street, Dallas, presents **Archiving Eden II**, an exhibition of new work by Dornith Doherty. In her work, Doherty continues to explore the role of seed banks and their preservation efforts in the face of climate change, the extinction of natural species and decreased agricultural diversity. An opening reception for the artist is Saturday, Oct. 17 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The exhibition goes through November 14. Admission is free. Information: 214.369.0169 or www.hollyjohnsongallery.com

The Valley House Gallery & Sculpture Garden will be participating in The Garden Conservancy's national program called **Open Days**. View several private, rarely seen gardens on the tour on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $5 per garden or $20 for a booklet of tickets. The Valley Garden House Gallery & Sculpture Garden is located at 6616 Spring Valley Road, Dallas. Information: 972.239.2441 or www.valleyhouse.com

View the work of six certified remodelers' projects, while getting ideas for your own remodeling job during the **NARI Dallas Remodeled Homes Tour** Oct. 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets cost $8 per person online or $10 at the homes. Children 12 and younger get in free. Information: www.naridallas.org/hometour

Discover little-known secrets about Texas plants and the surprising things they tell us about Texas life in the past during **Plants of North Central Texas: Connections to the Past** on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Texas Discovery Gardens, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas. The talk also includes a guided tour of the gardens. Admission is free. Information: 214.428.7476 or www.texasdiscoverygardens.org

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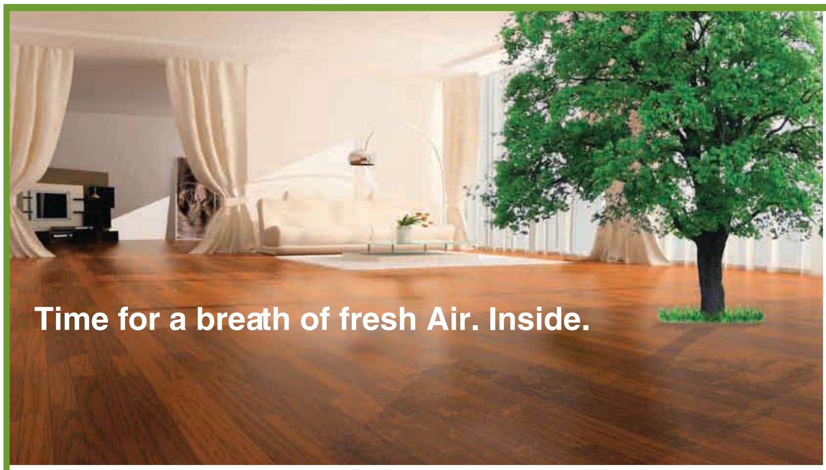

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By MARIE WILLIAMS

Catherine Miller Specialty Accents is offering one-of-a-kind "bubbles" pink limited-edition hand-blown glass ornaments to support the fight against breast cancer, available at Elements and Talulah Belle.

Dobson's Flooring America opened its newest store location in Frisco and has achieved Silver LEED Certification, making it the first LEED-certified retail location in Frisco.

Catherine Miller Specialty Accents, creators of unique lighting and home accessories, announced a limited edition series of hand-blown glass ornaments to support the fight against breast cancer. The ornaments will be for sale at retailers such as Elements, located at 4400 W. Lovers Lane in Dallas and Talulah Belle at 2017 Abrams Road in Dallas, beginning Oct. 1. Miller's signature "bubbles," a soft, pink hand-blown glass ornament costs $60. For more information, call 214.232.7073 or visit www.catherinemilleraccents.com.

Ruibal's Nursery is now selling pumpkins, pansies and mums for the fall. Available the first week of October, pansies are $15 per flat. Mums are $18 for a 3-gallon size or $6.99 for a 1-gallon size. Ruibal's Nursery is located at 7219 E. Grand Ave., Dallas, just minutes from White Rock Lake. A second Dallas location is at 601 S. Pearl Expressway. Store hours for the E. Grand Ave. location are Monday through Sunday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 214.324.4800 or visit www.ruibals.com.

On July 22, **Joseph L. Bratton** of **RHD Construction** became the first **Green Certified Professional Remodeler** in the state of Texas. His certification required him to have five years of remodeling and construction experience, 16 hours of continuing education courses, a written exam and 12 trade-related areas of construction. RHD focuses on remodeling in ways healthier for families, while also helping these families to consume energy and water more responsibly. The company also seeks to present varying "shades" of green to meet everyone's budget. Services include free estimate requests, kitchen and bath remodeling, insurance repair and outdoor living. RHD is located at 2329 Executive Dr., Garland. For more information, call 972.783.7007 or visit www.rhdconstruction.com.

Dobson's Flooring America opened its newest store location in Frisco and is now registered with the U.S. Green Building Council and has achieved **Silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design** (LEED) Certification, making it the first LEED-certified retail location in Frisco. Features include a state-of-the-art facility, containing more than 9,000 square feet of retail, office and storage space. Dobson's Flooring America is located at 8810 Lebanon Road, Frisco. Store hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The showroom is closed on Sunday. For more information, call 469.287.1945 or visit www.dobsonfloors.com.

IKEA Frisco now offers recycled glass and porcelain flooring tiles and countertops made from Dallas-based manufacturer EnviroGLAS. EnviroGLAS products are available for in-store purchase only in the kitchen and bath remodeling areas. The Frisco location has three distinct options for kitchen remodeling including the Confetti, a red glass design; Rio, in hues of green, blue, white and brown; and Sand dollar, all white and glass. IKEA Frisco is located at 7171 IKEA Drive, Frisco. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 972.712.4532 or visit www.ikea.com.

The Leather Sofa Co. opened a new store at The Village at Allen Shopping Center, 190 E. Stacy Rd. #1328, Allen. The Leather Sofa Company has more than 14 years of experience designing and manufacturing quality leather furniture in the Dallas area. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 972.678.4502 or visit www.leathersofaco.com.

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By JEFFREY JACOBY

Every ton of reusable materials that end up in a landfill leads to ever-more costly mining, logging and drilling. © Jim Parkin, fotolia.com

Getting to Zero Waste... or Darn Close

Many believe that trash is an inevitable byproduct of modernity, as if humankind is forever doomed to bury or burn our waste because, with apologies to '90s pop sensation The Rembrandts, "That's just the way it is, baby." Fortunately, the way it is doesn't necessarily equal the way it must be. In fact, you can participate in a number of exciting initiatives that currently work to bring us to Zero Waste … or darn close.

As a concept, Zero Waste embraces a "cradle-to-cradle" system, in which the products we make, sell and purchase are used to make new products rather than dumped in a landfill or burned in an incinerator. Pragmatically, Zero Waste is a set of concrete practices that mirrors nature in an effort to conserve resources, reduce trash, increase reuse and recycling, promote durability and preserve wealth. Sounds ambitious, right? Well, yes and no, especially in light of the ramifications associated with maintaining the status quo.

First, consider our current waste(ful) scheme: We extract natural resources from the earth, manufacture those resources into consumer products, ship those products all over the world in planes and boats and trucks, then buy and use them until they become obsolete and finally toss them in the garbage. This is a linear, "cradle-to-grave" approach: extract-manufacture-distribute-consume-dispose … repeat. Our present waste management regime promotes the continuous extraction of limited resources to perpetuate an unsustainable cycle.

Second, consider the economic value of the resources that we constantly bury in the ground after short-term use: the precious metals in our trashed electronics, the easily remanufactured textiles in our clothes and furniture, the wood in our millions of tons of discarded paper — all of these have value as potential raw materials — simply disappearing into a monetary sinkhole. Garbage dump becomes money pit. Every ton of reusable materials that end up in a landfill leads to ever-more costly (both economically and environmentally) mining, logging and drilling.

Now consider a sustainable alternative, one in which products and the value (again, economically and environmentally) residing in the resources consumed to create them are not buried or burned, but instead become an entirely new, higher quality product. This is the core of Zero Waste: Every material used in the production cycle functions as feedstock, a "nutrient" used to make new products. In their seminal work, "Cradle to Cradle," William McDonough and Michael Braungart describe "technical nutrients" that can be utilized over and over in manufacturing processes without suffering any deterioration in quality and "biological nutrients," organic matter which breaks down in the environment to feed living organisms and perpetuate life. Nature functions this way: the byproducts of an oak tree or a tree frog re-enter the environment to help new trees or frogs or something entirely different grow until their byproducts re-enter the system. A cycle of living, a closed loop. Zero Waste takes this bio- and ecological reality and applies it to contemporary culture.

Several fundamental principles guide Zero Waste practices; in turn, the integration of several such practices constitute a Zero Waste Plan. Companies or government entities that implement a Zero Waste Plan commit to: 1) "cradle-to-cradle" design and materials use; 2) "producer takeback" policies, in which manufacturers assume responsibility for the end-of-life care of their products; and 3) "triple bottom-line" accounting, which considers not only the economic impacts of an action but also the environmental and ethical costs of a particular manufacturing process or product design.

Right now, many individuals, cities, companies and governments are beginning to formulate and implement comprehensive Zero Waste Plans into their local and regional solid waste management systems. In fact, the entire nation of New Zealand implemented precisely this type of plan in July of this year. Diverse companies ranging from Fetzer Wine to Subaru to Xerox already divert more than 90 percent of their waste.

On a local level, several communities already ramped up efforts to reduce waste. An example: food scraps and yard trimmings make up roughly 20 percent of household waste. Several cities like Seattle, Toronto and Oakland provide residents with three trash cans — one for compostable waste, one for recyclables and one for actual trash. This step alone can double a city's recycling rate. On the corporate front, one Toyota and GM joint manufacturing plant convinced its parts suppliers to switch from cardboard to reusable shipping containers — this step alone saves the companies an estimated $20 million a year.

At home, you can do your part to move toward Zero (or darn close). Consume less wasteful packaging by purchasing products that contain post-consumer recycled content. Compost your food and yard waste in the back yard. When remodeling, use sustainably harvested materials such as bamboo flooring and recycled glass countertops or tile. If you're in the market for a new home, you can get to Zero Waste by installing several amenities such as solar or tankless water heaters, rainwater-fed washing machines, LED lighting and metal roofing. In Dallas, one eco-friendly couple is blogging their trials and tribulations with green design as they build a new home — the Labron House — from the ground up. Check out their progress at http://blog.greenlabron.com.

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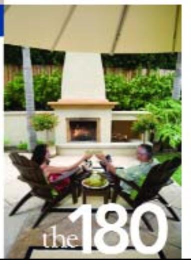
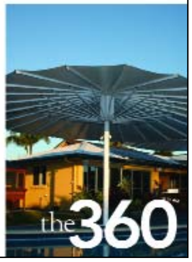




Inspiring Designs

CLASSIC MODERN Pure comfort is irresistible in any era. This means French designer Pierre Paulin's pieces will never go out of style. For the very first time, the voluptuous Pumpkin chair and ottoman he created for the apartments of Claude & George Pompidou at the Elysee Palace in 1971 are being put into large-scale production for Ligne Roset. This comfy chair will keep you cosseted through 2009 and far beyond. We love it in pink, but it comes in a variety of shades.

ARTS & CRAFTS WITH A CURVE No need to reminisce about the glory days of Arts & Crafts style. The turn-of-the-last-century style is back, re-mixed now with smooth architectural detailing. Thos. Moser has adapted this legendary style in its Pasadena Living Collection. Curvilinear, with no square edges, sofas and chairs are well suited to fit formal or casual environments. Exquisitely made in Maine, the furniture is available through www.thosmoser.com.

HOME FURNISHINGS THAT ADD STYLE AND VALUE

In a restless world of economic uncertainty, we see Metroplex residents retreating to their nests seeking comfort, the good company of family and friends, the warmth of a firelit hearth and the fragrance of home cooking. While we may be cooking more at home, we prefer kitchens that work well and look smashing.

We're still willing to feather our nests, but we're looking for good value and furnishings that will last longer than that lease on the rented Lexus. Ostentation is out, restraint is in, but give us a few luxuries to keep our spirits bright: A touch of foil wallpaper to brighten the boudoir, a crazy console by Tony Duquette to make us smile, a splash of color to lift our mood and a cascade faucet that reminds us of that Italian spa we visited last year.

Here are a few of the trends that have the design world buzzing.

HOLLYWOOD ENCHANTMENT

The late designer Tony Duquette knew how to cast an enchanted spell with the fanciful interiors, costumes and jewelry he created for the mid-20th-century Hollywood crowd he ran around with. A protégé of Elsie de Wolfe, he also designed awe-inspiring movie sets and museum installations. With Billy Baldwin, he practically invented Hollywood Regency style, which will always be prized by those who love flourishes. Baker Furniture is offering 19 signature Duquette reproductions, including this Biomorphic Console table, cast in resin and finished in silver gilt (it's also available in gold leaf).

GREEN IS THE WORD

Green is still the buzzword in design, and Benjamin Moore's Natura Zero-VOC interior paint makes it easy to be environmentally responsible while, at the same time, be color savvy: More than 3,400 hues are available in a wide range of sheens. Check out the array of odorless Lo-Vo C2 paints at Walnut Hill Paint Company, too. The company can match colors in an infinite variety of shades. Being green has never been so colorful.

FOR THE FLOOR

Rugs that honor the colors and patterns of nature are popular.

Founded in 1982, DIURNE, the gallery creation of Paris-based artist Marcel Zelmanovitch, returns to the United States after an absence of 20-plus years to showcase beautiful contemporary rugs for floors and walls at David Sutherland showrooms. His painterly carpets are characterized by a wonderful harmony of balance and design in breathtakingly beautiful colors drawn from nature.

The designers at Emma Gardner Design continue to impress, most recently with their ethereal "Bamboo Blossoms" in which the pattern creates a glimpse through a bamboo field where large flower blossoms draw the eye. Quiet and elegant, "Bamboo Blossoms" is hand-knotted Chinese silk and Tibetan wool. Scott + Cooner is a local source for Emma Gardner Design.

GET GLAMOROUS

High drama with shimmer, glitter and opulence is everywhere, from wallcoverings to fabrics to furniture. With the new "Wild Flora" wallcovering collection, Anna French for Thibaut makes patterns dance on foils. Glamorous, elegant and cosmopolitan, "Drama Queen" is the latest luxurious grouping from John Hutton Textiles. Entirely handcrafted and hand-painted, Ann Sack's "Gallery" tile uses a relief surface along with multicolored glazes for a stunning effect. And Maya Romanoff's "Ajiro" metallic wood veneers are coverings of arresting beauty.

hot design trends

STATEMENT STORAGE

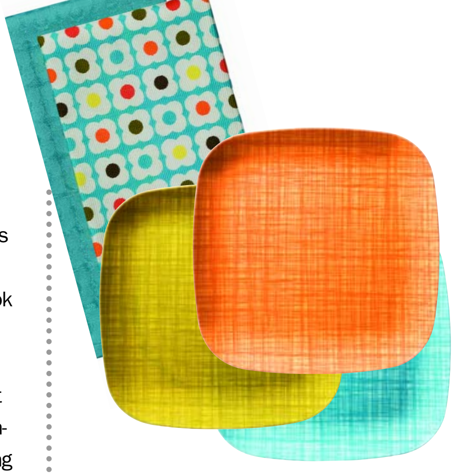
Casegoods aren't just hiding things these days; they're saying in a refined way, "Well, hello there. Look at me." Martha Stewart for Bernhardt's eye-catching red Kingsland Secretary does just that — and sets high standards for others to follow with attractive detailing and, of course, functional compartment space. We'll be watching more stunning casegoods to come. Select Macy's are Martha Stewart for Bernhardt dealers.

THE CUSTOMIZED BATH

Modular mix-and-match bathroom collections are hot this year, and Stone Forest's SYNC System is a winner, receiving The Most Innovative Product of the Year Award at the 2008 Decorative Plumbing & Hardware Association Conference and Product Showcase. SYNC offers multiple combinations of sinks, countertops and shelving made from natural stone (honed black granite, carrara marble, onyx) and stainless steel. The components slide into wall-mounted, stainless steel brackets, which also double as towel bars at each end of the floating vanities. Shop for SYNC System components at Elegant Additions.

CASCADE STYLE FAUCETS

Turn the handle and watch a tiny river flow into your sink. Such is the allure of cascade-style faucets, which have been a trend in modern kitchens and baths for several years. Italian manufacturer Gessi takes the concept to new heights with its line of Rettangolo faucets; several models illuminate the water stream with LED lights that change color with the water temperature. Red means hot, blue cold. They're available to the trade exclusively through Elegant Additions in Dallas.



HAPPY ORLA KIELY

Suddenly, '60s retro updated for the aughts looks fresh. Sweet, neat and always original, Orla Kiely's designs reminiscent of '60s graphics are instantly recognizable. This Dublin-born artist creates a world where color, pattern, graphic control and texture come together in a harmonious and happy way. In February, Target and Kiely launched an exclusive limited-time-only Orla Kiely for Target Collection of home décor products, including these cheery mix-and-match dinner plates and kitchen towels.

LOFTY CREATIONS

Wood furniture so simply done it looks modern is always a warm touch in big, lofty spaces. Ethan Allen's recent fascination with loft modern ("WeLoveLoftModern" Serape Collection) is contagious, and shows down-to-earth can be fabulous. Begin with slim silhouettes like this Fanback Armchair with lines so ancient it looks modern. Weave in natural textures and outdoorsy colors, like this Woven Low Bowl and Tall Banded Vessel. Very earthy chic.

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White, gray and black floor tile from Walker Zanger's Tribeca Collection reference Manhattan in the early 20th Century.

GIVE YOUR FLOORS THE LOOK OF LUXURY

TILE STYLES

By **AMANDA FLATTEN**

No matter what interior style you are going for, flooring sets the stage for every room. Perhaps the most versatile flooring option is tile. You can get any look you want and keep maintenance to a minimum. Porcelain, ceramic, marble, natural stone — the choices are endless. Whether you like bright, vivid colors or the natural stone look, there is a tile for every style.

PORCELAIN RISES TO THE TOP

Each flooring option has its strengths, but Chris Davis, president of the World Floor Covering Association, says in the past few years, porcelain tile has risen to the top. "It can imitate stone surfaces, it's extremely hard and it's economical," he says. "It's easy to clean, lasts forever and it hides imperfections or chips."

Bader M. Obeid, president of Carpet Mills of America with locations in Dallas County and Collin County, says 90 percent of the tile he sells to homeowners is porcelain. "It is high-quality and low-maintenance," he says. "You can get the look of limestone, granite or marble, and you can't tell it's not natural stone."

HEAVY METAL

A hot tile trend this year is using metallic tiles on the floor or as accent pieces in kitchen backsplashes. "We are seeing the use of different materials almost as jewelry pieces, with gold or silver or stainless steel accents," Davis says. "These tiles are used as highlights to add a little bling."

"Metal tiles work well in contemporary homes," Obeid adds.

LEATHER, CEMENT & GLASS

A new dazzling tile style is the use of leather. "At the flooring trade show Surfaces this year, one thing that blew our minds was leather

The Paradigm Collection by Walker Zanger imagines the art form of stone mosaic with a decidedly modern sensibility.

The Alterna vinyl tile collection by Armstrong features true black and white colors in large tile format.

tile by TORLYS," Davis recalls. "These tiles are made from leather recycled from old purses and car seats."

If you want the look of leather, but prefer porcelain, no problem. Obeid says there are porcelain tiles made too look like leather and other fabrics, and they come in all colors.

One option you might not have considered is using cement tile in your home. "Painted cement tiles are inexpensive, indestructible and come in interesting designs," Davis says.

Recycled glass tiles now come in amazing colors and patterns, as well. "You can even get glass tiles that mimic the texture of other products such as wood or slate," Davis adds.

SIZE MATTERS

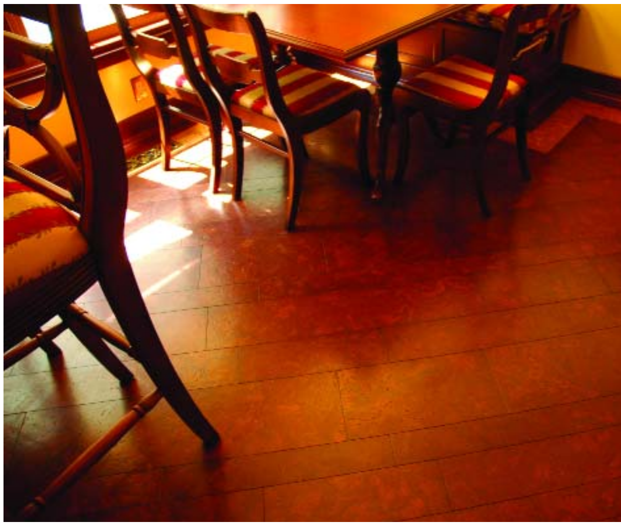
Most homeowners want to get away from the 12-inch by 12-inch tile known as the builder stock look. Today, it's not uncommon to see 18-inch by 24-inch tiles or larger, or extremely small tiles for a mosaic look, particularly in bathrooms.

"The trend is bigger is better," Obeid says. "Large tiles can make a room look bigger. You have fewer grout lines and can see more of the tile itself."

Local interior designer Julie Reynolds, ASID, RID, saw a number of hot tile trends this spring at Neocon World's Trade Fair featuring innovative products for commercial and residential interiors. "Many versions of small scale horizontal tiles were used for backsplashes and in bathrooms and showers," she says. "Also, design interest was created through the use of varying tile sizes."

An interesting floor pattern can create a sophisticated design and can be just as important to the entire look as the tile choice itself, according to Obeid. "You can mix 20-inch by 20-inch tiles with 12-inch by 12-inch tiles to add interest," he says.

If you want to make a dramatic change to your home, tile is a great solution. "The beauty of tile is you can get any color, shape, size or trim piece," Davis says. ▶



These cork tiles in plank form have a traditional wood look. Photo courtesy www.corkfloor.com

ABOVE: Real cork in three colors creates a weave pattern. Cork is notable for its soft feel underfoot and for its sound-damping qualities. Photo courtesy www.cork-floor.com

RIGHT: Metallika Bronze glazed porcelain tile by Arizona Tile.

LEFT: Made from Herman Oak leather, Ann Sacks' Cowden Bell tiles are slightly thinner than saddle leather and suitable for floors and walls.

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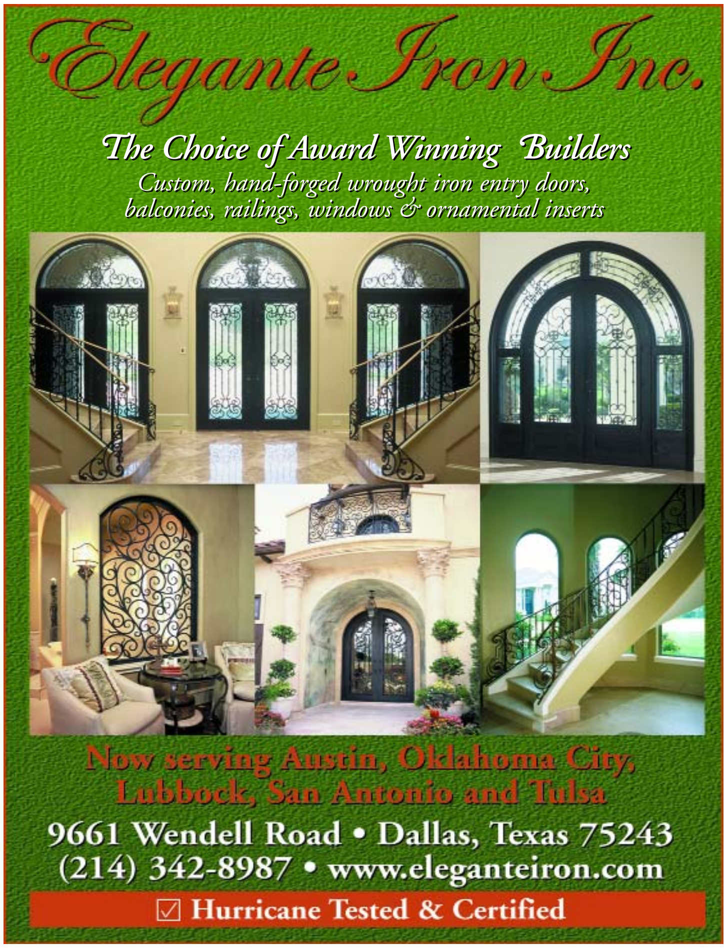
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ABOVE: Isparta travertine in a chiseled texture by Arizona Tile.

ABOVE: Octagon & Dot glazed tile by Daltile in matte white.

BELOW: Capture the look of refined slate with the tonal ranges and dramatic streaks of "Vesale Stone" glazed porcelain by Marazzi USA.

Stainless steel and bronzed copper tiles from Daltile's Metal Fusion series.

Manntington Mill's Francesca porcelain floor tiles come in three color options, including "Bisque" shown here.

Daltile's Vibe ceramic field tile in Techno Black.

Ceramic field tile from Daltile's Concrete Connection series comes in a variety of sizes. Shown here, 6.5-inch by 20-inch tiles.

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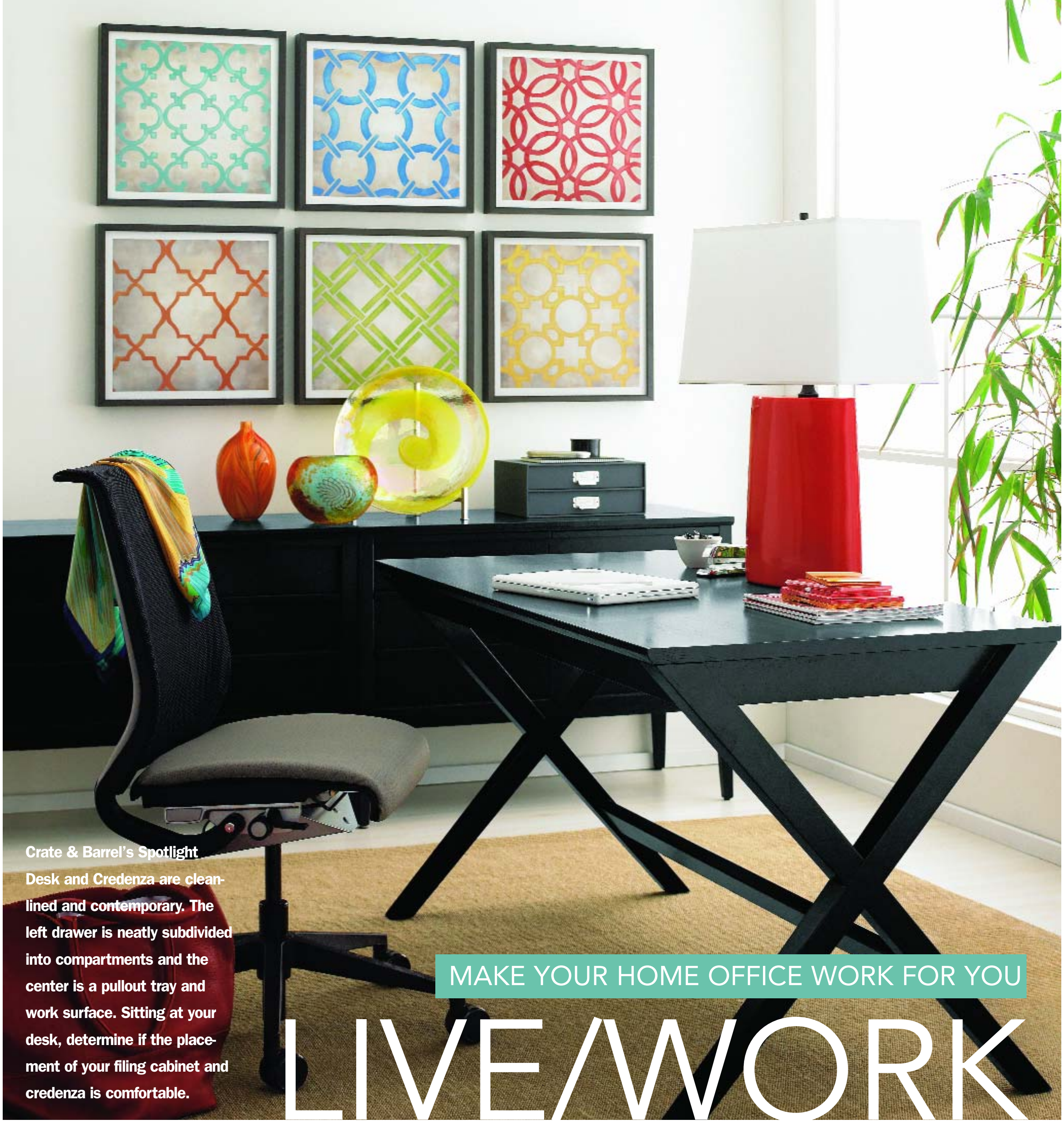

Crate & Barrel's Spotlight Desk and Credenza are clean-lined and contemporary. The left drawer is neatly subdivided into compartments and the center is a pullout tray and work surface. Sitting at your desk, determine if the placement of your filing cabinet and credenza is comfortable.

MAKE YOUR HOME OFFICE WORK FOR YOU

LIVE/WORK

By **TONIA TOMLIN**

As a business owner working from my home office, having a well-organized office is essential. Throw in twins to the whole mix, and my life can become very chaotic at times. Here are a few tips to follow when setting up your home office:

1. PLAN YOUR LAYOUT

Decide where you want to position your desk, filing cabinet and chairs. Be sure your desk is not facing the door. This will keep you focused on your work and not when you will be done with work.

2. MEASURE YOUR SPACE

Now that you have an idea of where you want to position your furniture, it's time to measure. Before purchasing your new office furniture, be sure you have the right measurements for the space. This will cut down the frustration of deciding which size desk will work best for your room.

3. STORAGE

When deciding on a desk, filing cabinet or credenza, note the functionality of the storage space. Your desk should have at least one big drawer and one small drawer separate from the cabinet in which your CPU is hidden away. An ideal option is to have a slide out drawer for your keyboard.

4. FURNITURE DELIVERY

The furniture is here and you need to arrange it to function. Go back to your original planned layout and arrange the furniture accordingly. Sitting at your desk, move around as if you are working to see if the placement of your filing cabinet and credenza is comfortable. If it is not ▶

Mix and match Ikea's birch office furniture to efficiently use every inch of space in your home office. The GALANT corner desk is $250 and the EFFEKTIV storage shelves are $180 each. Each piece of office equipment should be placed where it is within reach but not overcrowding your workspace.

The Container Store's elfa system conveniently keeps handy all those things you need to access regularly, while easily storing away those you don't. You won't waste time digging through piles of paper when you're organized with elfa and selections from the Silver Mesh Office Collection (sold separately). The white elfa Home Business Center is $399.54.

easily accessible, move it to a new location and try again. This process can sometimes take a few times but you will find it beneficial.

5. ELECTRONICS

Every office should include the following electronics: computer, printer (it's best to have an all-in-one printer, scanner, fax machine and copier) and telephone. Other necessary electronics are based upon the nature of the business, but these are the basics for every company. Each piece of technology should be placed where it is within reach but not overcrowding your workspace. Your desk should only be for the computer monitor (or laptop), keyboard if you do not have a slide out drawer as described in Tip 3 and telephone. A credenza is an excellent place for the printer.

6. GETTING UNTANGLED

To avoid damage to your electronics, be sure to use surge protectors. Once you have everything plugged in, secure cords together with zip ties so they won't get tangled over time. If you must run cables from a different part of the room (*i.e.*, telephone cable), conceal the cord with cable coverings found at Home Depot or other hardware stores. This will keep your office looking sleek and clean.

7. SORTING PAPER

Create a filing system that works best for you and your family. For many of my clients, I recommend using File Solutions Filing System (www.filesolutions.com). Paper sorters are also a great tool for your paper

clutter and high-priority to-do items. Purchase a three shelved sorter and label them High Priority, Bills To Pay and To Be Filed. Keep the sorter on your desk to either side of your computer or on your credenza/filing cabinet. Go through each sorter daily so procrastination doesn't get the best of you.

8. CUT THE CLUTTER

Keeping your desk clear of all unnecessary items will keep you on track and make finding the things you need easier. This also helps to keep you focused and manage your time efficiently.

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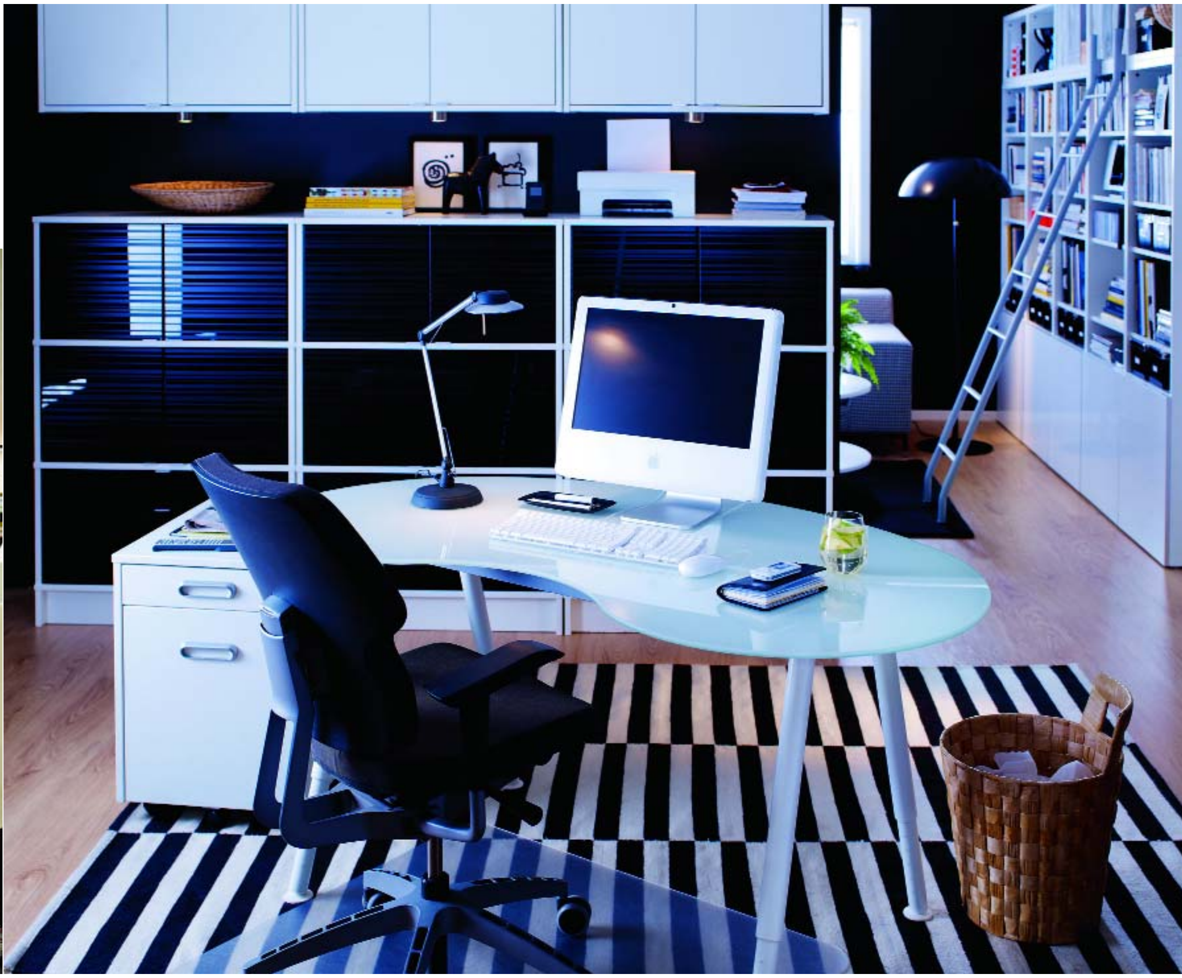
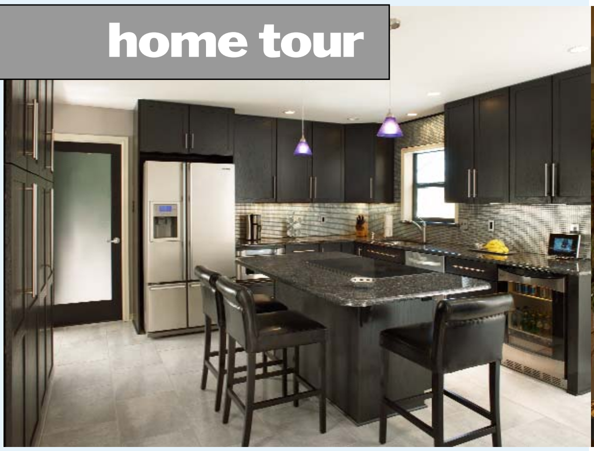
Get the most out of your small space with Ikea's EXPEDIT workstation for $129.99.

BELOW: Accented with grooves and saw marks that hint at an industrial past, Pottery Barn's Benchwright Desk has the character of a 19th-century workbench, $799. Tall, open shelving with crisp, white storage boxes and wicker baskets provide tons of storage.



For a sleek, streamlined office, Ikea's GALANT table/glass combination for $210 is the perfect solution. The GALANT file cabinet on casters, $140, and the EFFEKTIV storage series ($215 per piece) keep things organized and tidy.



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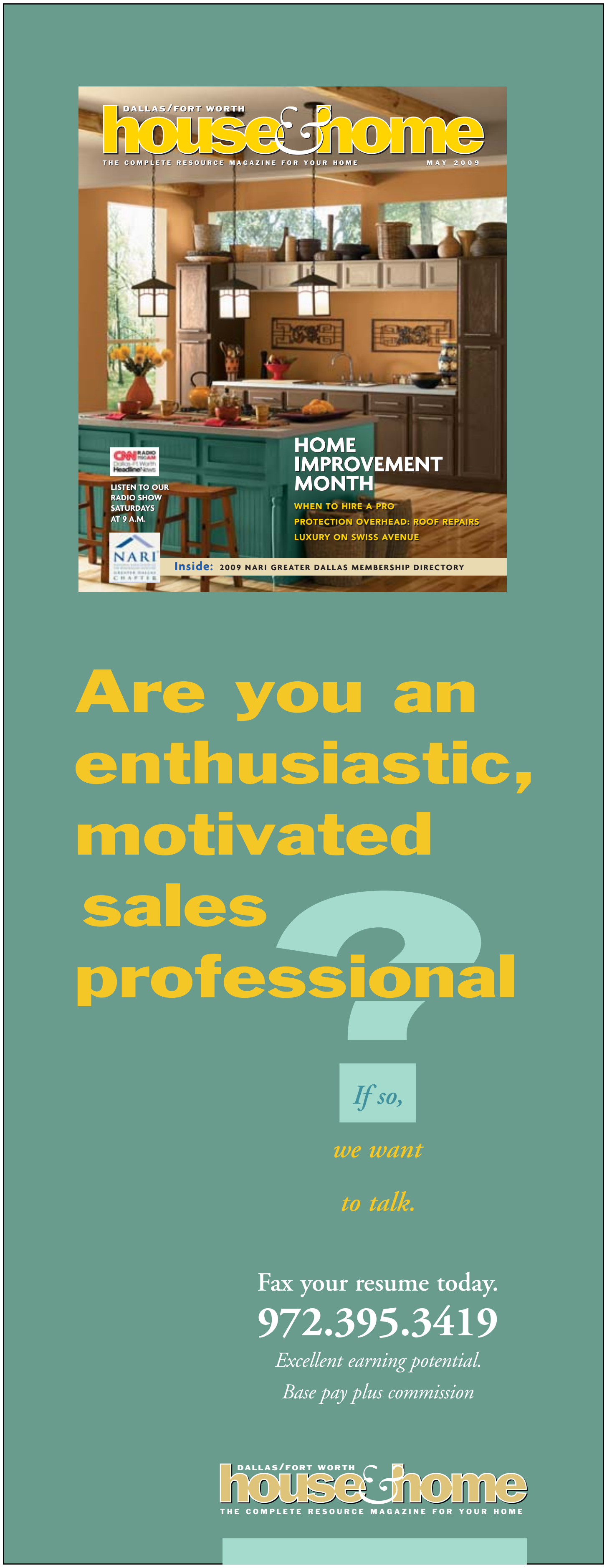
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Mediterranean Salad with Arctic Char

Go Fish

With a priority of bringing the finest seafood from around the world to North Texas, guests of Go Fish Ocean Club can expect amazing food and great wine in a sophisticated dining environment.

For the past year, Executive Chef Tiffany Derry has led the Go Fish Ocean Club team. A graduate from the Art Institute of Houston and former instructor at the Art Institute of Dallas, Derry says she comes from a family of cooks. "My family is a 'food family;' it's the one thing that brings us all together," she says.

Derry's first job after graduating from the Art Institute of Houston was as Garde-manger (cold items) at Pesce in Houston. Under the guidance of Executive Chef Mark Holley, she worked every station on her way to Junior Sous Chef. "Mark Holley was one of the few African-American chefs doing fine dining," Derry says. "He is my mentor."

Derry says Go Fish Ocean Club is not a regular seafood house. "It is sophisticated with a New American concept," she says.

The menu changes every few weeks depending on what is in season. "Some menu items change daily," Derry adds. "This week, we had three different salmon options that have just been flying out of the kitchen."

Menu favorites include sushi, pan-fried crab cakes, clams cooked in chorizo, pan-seared scallops and jerk grilled fish. For those who don't like seafood, delicious steak and chicken options are available.

Go Fish offers visitors some unique dining opportunities. The Sunset Dinner, a special prix fixe dinner with three courses, is just $29.95. Appetizers begin the dinner, which includes Chef Derry's entrée and an amazing dessert recipe (not available from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday). "This option offers guests great food that is not overly pricey," Derry says.

Once a month is the "Lunch with a Legend Series." A live show is broadcasted from the restaurant and features a special guest. The three-course lunch is $29. For a casual meal, Monday through Friday from open to close, enjoy the restaurant's lounge menu, featuring half price appetizers and sushi. Additional specials are offered throughout the week.

Derry offers these tips for cooking seafood at home:

- Don't overcook seafood. "Most fish only needs to be cooked for 5 to 7 minutes," she says.
- Keep it simple. "Fish tastes great when it is pan-seared or grilled. All you need to add to fresh fish is salt, pepper and a squeeze of lemon," she explains.
- Make a statement. "Presentation is everything and will give your guests that wow factor," she says.

All recipes courtesy Executive Chef Tiffany Derry, Go Fish Ocean Club; 5301 Alpha Rd., Suite 24, Dallas; 972.980.1919; www.gofishoceanclub.com.

Mediterranean Salad with Arctic Char *Serves 2*

Dressing:

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
1 tablespoon fresh mint, chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons sugar
1 cup Champagne vinegar
3 cups extra-virgin olive oil
Juice of 1 fresh lime, squeezed

Mix all ingredients together. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator. This is a wonderful dressing for any salad.

Salad:

1/2 cup Feta cheese
4 cups spring mesclun lettuce
1 cup celery, chopped
1/2 cup cherry tomato halves
1/2 cup Kalamata olive halves
1 cup peperoncini
1 English cucumber, thinly sliced

Grilled Arctic Char:

2 pounds Arctic Char
Extra-virgin olive oil for brushing
Salt and pepper to taste

Heat grill to smoking. Season Char lightly with salt and pepper. Place Char on grill, skin side up, and turn with 2-minute timing, at 90-degree angles to make hash marks. Serve medium rare. Create an "O" using the fresh cucumber. Place lightly dressed lettuce salad in the center. Garnish with toppings and place fish on side of the salad.

Pan Seared Scallops with Sweet Potato Purée *Serves 4*

16 sea scallops
Salt & pepper to taste
3 tablespoons olive oil

Preparation: Heat pan until almost smoking. Add oil to coat the bottom of the pan. Season scallops with salt and pepper. Place scallops in pan. Be sure they are not touching each other because they will not brown properly.

Sweet Potato Purée:

4 pounds sweet potatoes (about 5 medium)
1 large navel orange
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt

Preparation: Preheat oven to 400 degrees and line a baking sheet with foil. Prick sweet potatoes in several places with a fork and bake on a baking sheet in the middle of the oven until very tender, about one to one and a quarter hours.

From the orange, finely grate enough zest to measure one teaspoon and squeeze enough juice from the orange to measure 1/2 cup.

In a small saucepan, melt 4 tablespoons butter over moderate heat and stir in zest, orange juice, sugar, cinnamon and salt; stirring until sugar is dissolved.

When potatoes are just cool enough to handle, peel and put flesh in a food processor. Add butter mixture and purée just until smooth.

Plating option: Spoon purée into the middle of the plate. Circle the purée with scallops and drizzle with lemon.

Pan Seared Sea Bass with Wilted Spinach

Serves 2

Sea bass:

2 pounds fresh Chilean sea bass
Salt and pepper
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Wilted Spinach:

2 pounds fresh baby spinach
1 tablespoon chopped garlic
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Prepare sea bass: Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Season sea bass with salt and pepper. Heat sauté pan until the point of almost smoking. Add oil and twirl. Add fish to the sauté pan and turn when golden brown. Once browned, turn over and finish in oven for five minutes.

Prepare spinach: Heat another sauté pan and add oil. Add garlic and cook until it becomes fragrant; do not let it turn dark brown. Add in spinach and wilt. Do not cook fully. Spinach should look slightly glossy.

Chocolate Bread Pudding *Serves 4*

4 cups croissants
1 1/4 cup 61 percent chocolate
1/2 cup toasted walnuts
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup half 'n half
5 tablespoons cocoa
4 eggs
1 yolk
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup cherries

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In saucepan, heat cream, half 'n half and cocoa. In a bowl, whisk eggs, yolk and sugar to incorporate; temper mixture with hot cream. Combine everything in a large bowl and let soak for one hour. Spoon into individual ramekins. Bake in individual ramekins for 30 minute at 325 degrees.

Crème Anglaise:

2 cups milk
2 cups heavy cream
2 vanilla beans, split-scraped
6 large egg yolks
6 tablespoons sugar

In saucepan, heat milk, cream and vanilla bean. Bring mixture to simmer. Remove from heat. In a bowl, whisk yolks and sugar; temper hot milk mixture into yolk mixture. Return to heat. Stir over low heat until custard thickens and leaves path on back of spoon when finger is drawn across. Do not boil. Strain sauce into bowl and cool in ice bath.

When serving bread pudding allow guests to pour the Crème Anglaise on their own serving.

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Steps To Success With Bulbs

The best time to plant spring bulbs is when the soil temperature is below 60°F. Give the bulbs their required cold treatment by placing them in the refrigerator for 8 to 10 weeks in the fall. Photo courtesy of Fotolia

As the days draw shorter and the nights cool down, it's time to get ready for the fall bulb planting ritual.

The best time to plant spring bulbs is when the soil temperature is below 60°F. As a general guide, plant in November to early December in zones 8 and 9. In mild winter regions, you can give the bulbs their required cold treatment by placing them in the refrigerator for 8 to 10 weeks in the fall. Then plant them in late December to early January.

Plant a variety of bulbs to extend the flowering season. In addition to daffodils and tulips, include some early-flowering bulbs — such as grape hyacinths, crocuses, snowdrops and scilla — to herald the start of spring. Late-flowering alliums will continue the show into early summer.

PICK A SITE

Most bulb species prefer well-drained (not soggy) soil, and a location with at least 6 hours of sun a day during spring through summer. Determine light levels in summer when the trees have leafed out, and make sure the bulbs will not be in the shade when the leaves still need the sun to make energy for next year's flowers.

DIG HOLES

Digging up the whole bed makes bulb spacing, layering and soil amending easier. The depth of the hole should equal three to four times the bulb height. For example, if a daffodil bulb is 3 inches tall, plant so its base is 9 to 12 inches down. In heavier clay soils, plant 9 inches deep; in lighter, sandier soils, plant 12 inches deep. Space bulbs according to the supplier's recommendations.

ARRANGE BULBS

Set the bulbs in a planting bed or in separate planting holes with their roots or basal plate downward. If you can't tell which way is up, lay the bulb on its side. Fill the planting hole with soil and firm it gently.

WATER AND MULCH

Water the bulbs right after planting to help initiate growth. Since north Texas has mild winters, mulch right after planting to help keep soil cool and moist.

FERTILIZE

Bulbs need fertilizer, but the kind of nutrition varies with the plant. Tulips, hyacinths and fritillaria are best served by a 9-9-6 formula fertilizer. Daffodils and snowdrops need nitrogen and potassium and thrive on a 5-10-20 mixture. For both fertilizers, use about 1/2 cup per 10 square feet. Sprinkle it on top of the soil after planting, not in the hole. Fertilizer in the hole may burn tender young roots.

Fertilize established bulb beds in fall, too. All the foliage is dormant then, so it may be difficult to locate bulb beds, especially if they're naturalized. Try planting grape hyacinths (Muscari armeniacum) as indicator bulbs. They produce small blue flowers in the spring but also send up fall foliage. Plant them around the edge of the bulb area. For more tips and garden information visit www.garden.org.

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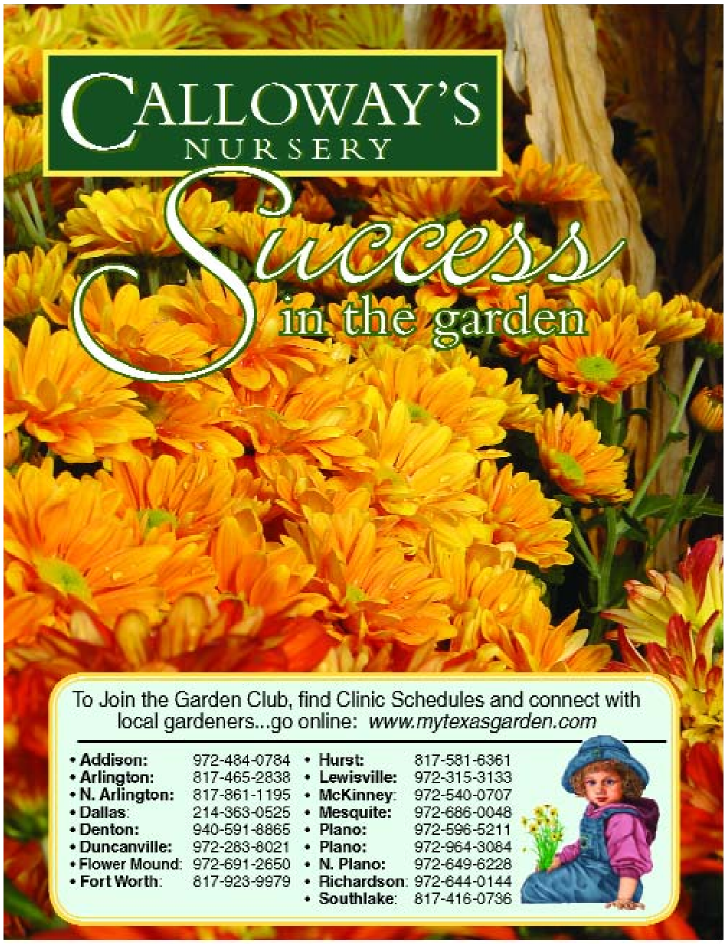

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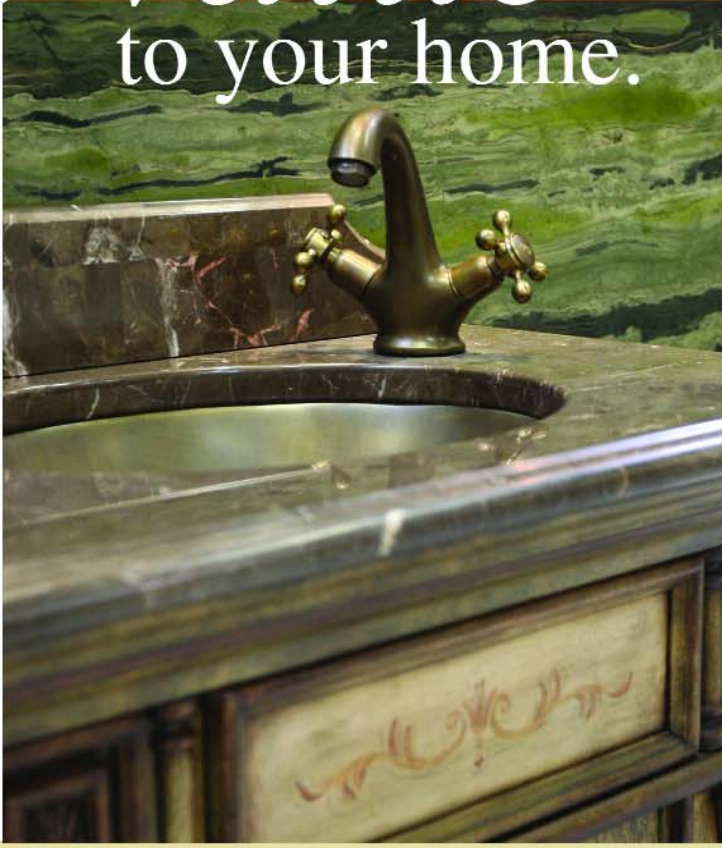

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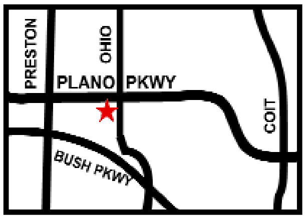

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